

CHRIST, THE SEED

INTRODUCTION

In the O.T. record, God makes special use of the word "seed." (1) He created vegetable and fruit life and placed its power of continued existence in the "seed" (Gen. 1:11-12). (2) He promised Satan that of the "seed" of woman the Savior of the world would come (Gen. 3A:15). (3) He promised Abraham that his "seed" (meaning offspring) would be as the sand of the seashore (numberless). (4) He made special reference to "seed" with the coming of **one** offspring of Abraham, who would BE that seed (Gen.22:18; Gal. 3:16). Finally, in the N.T., special reference is made about "children of God" being **in that seed**, who is Christ, and they are the enjoyment of spiritual blessings. Cf Gal. 3:26-28. So Christ then, is the SEED OF OUR LIVES, as we are in Him, and He in us.

The concept of "seed" is implied in Gal. 6:7-10. (Read). Here Paul speaks of "sowing and reaping" in a spiritual sense. FROM this text, we learn several things. (Apply the text to each point).

- 1) We learn that there is a **law or principle** of sowing and reaping.
- 2) We learn that there are **two types of sowing**—to the "flesh" and to the "spirit".
- 3) We learn of the **certainty of reaping**—for everyone.
- 4) We learn that there is a **warning** not to sow the wrong kind of seed.
- 5) We learn that there is a **promise of blessing** if we sow the right kind of seed.
- 6) We learn that this **includes opportunities** to benefit mankind in our sowing.
- 7) We learn that our **eternal destiny** depends on what we sow.

After the flood, God made a statement regarding the reality of sowing and reaping. Gen. 8:22
NOW, let's make an application of **CHRIST, as the Seed of our lives today.**

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, consider Christ as the SEED through the influence of His word.

A. Christ is in us as His word is in us, and is **sown** as His word is preached.

1. Christ intended that the **gospel** be preached. Mark 16:15f; Rom. 1:16
2. When the gospel is preached, the **word** of God is preached. Acts 8:4,5,25, 35; 17:2,3,11

B. So, life is in the word as the **"seed"** of our lives, which brings life. John 6:63; Gal.2:20

II. 2nd, our hearts and bodies are the FIELD FOR CHRIST THE SEED.

A. Christ is IN us as Christians. Eph. 3:17; Col. 1:27

B. Christ is IN us as His word is in us. Col. 3:16; Phil. 1:21

1. This means that we are to keep our **hearts** pure as a dwelling place of deity. Matt. 5:8
 - a. We should avoid evil thoughts, and not bring filthy reading material or pictures that become part of our thinking.
 - b. Pornography and dirty movies are all around us, and should be avoided.
2. This also means that we are to keep our **bodies** pure as we avoid participation in sins of the flesh, such as fornication. 1 Cor. 6:15-20; 2 Cor. 7:1

III. 3rd, let's think about the GERMINATION OF CHRIST THE SEED.

A. Just as wheat seed brings life when placed in the soil for germination, SO Christ brings fruit in our lives when He dwells in us.

1. This germination **begins** when the word is received with open hearts, as we believe the word we hear. Rom. 10:17
2. This germination **continues** as we allow the word to change us to repentance and baptism into Jesus Christ.

B. Christ gives spiritual life when His word of life abides in us. 1 John 3:9

IV. 4th, let's look at the END PRODUCT OF OUR SOWING AND REAPING.

A. There are two possibilities, **corruption**, or **life everlasting**. Gal. 6:8; cf Rom. 8:5-6

B. Christ's word causes us to be more like Him, and to bring us to eternal glory. Cf 2 Pet. 1:5-11 (Explain fully).

CONCLUSION

- I. Our entering into life everlasting will be when the Lord comes again. Col. 3:4
- II. If you have never allowed Christ to enter you life in obedience, or if you have not allowed Him to remain there, you need to make correction as soon as possible.
 - A. If you are not a Christian, you need to obey Jesus in baptism.
 - B. If you have gone astray, you need to return to Christ and ask forgiveness.